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1. NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS YET ON INITIATION ANCHOVY FISHING SEASON, BUT WE EXPECT FULL SCALE EXPLOITATION BY FIRST WEEK OF MARCH.

2. IMARPE NOT GIVING OUT INFORMATION BUT UNOFFICIAL REPORTS ARE MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN USUAL. SOURCES HERE GENERALLY BELIEVE THE TOTAL 1975 CATCH COULD REACH 6 MILLION M.T. WITH ABOUT 1.4 MILLION FISH MEAL AND 200,000 FISH OIL.

3. EXPERIMENTAL FISHING ON SIGNIFICANT SCALE HAS BEEN CARRIED ON THROUGHOUT JANUARY AND FEBRUARY IN ALL FIVE ZONES. SOMETIMES AS MANY AS 200 BOATS FISHED REALIZING UP TO 40,000 M.T. DAILY. IT'S LIKELY THAT "EXPERIMENTAL" CATCH THROUGH THIS MONTH COULD TOTAL 750,000 M.T. MOST OF THE CATCH REPORTEDLY IS REGULAR ANCHOVIES WITH LITTLE OTHER SPECIES APPEARING AS LAST YEAR.

4. OCEAN CONDITIONS CONTINUE FAVORABLE FOR ANCHOVY REPRODUCTION AND GROWTH WITH NO SIGN OF NINO REPORTED.
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